

# Project: How to become a President

**Directions:** You are going to show New Smyrna Beach High school, what a person must go through to become our President. Your Digital or Poster Project will detail the exact road a person will travel going from an average citizen, to becoming the President of the United States.

**Follow the following steps:**

## Step 1: The Requirements

- The Constitution - Article II says:
  - a) Must be a natural born citizen
  - b) Minimum age 35
  - c) U.S. resident for 14 years

## Step 2: Declaring

- A candidate must declare to the nation that they want to be the next President.
- They must get support for their campaign, raise money, and get the attention of the leaders of their political party.

## Step 3: National Convention

- The Primaries & Caucuses start weeding down the many candidates. Then the Democratic & Republican Party delegates from each state are sent to National Conventions to select their final nominees.

## Step 4: Campaign

- Campaigning is the process of gathering public support for a candidate. The goal is to deliver as much information about the candidate & party's platform to as many people as possible.

## Step 5: Election day

- Election day is held Tuesday after the first Monday in November. People across the nation go to the polls and cast their popular vote for which candidate they want for the next president.

## Step 6: Electoral College

- Each state has a group of people called electors who cast the actual votes for president.
- When you vote for a presidential candidate, you're really voting to decide which candidate the electors in your state will vote for.
- The Electoral Vote is the Monday following the second Wednesday in December.

## Step 7: Inauguration day

- Then on January 6, the electoral votes are counted by the president of the Senate for a final winner.
- The President & Vice President are sworn in January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**How to do it:** You will take these steps and storyboard it into **8 Scenes**. Your first Scene is the introduction: title and student full names.

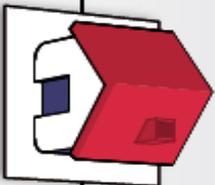
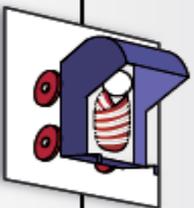
Then create a scene for each of the 7 Step listed. Make sure all of your written information that you use is in your words!!!!!!



**Grading - Using a 20/10/5 grading scale: Written, Project Development, Neatness/Organized and Visuals, Topic Accuracy.**

# HOW TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

- U.S. CONSTITUTION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**
- NATURAL BORN CITIZEN
  - MINIMUM AGE 35 YEARS
  - U.S. RESIDENT 14 YEARS

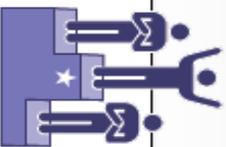


## STEP 2 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The presidential candidates campaign throughout the country to win the support of the general population.

At each convention, the presidential candidate chooses a running mate (Vice Presidential candidate).

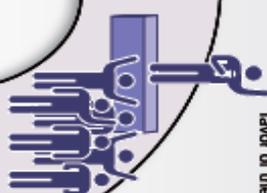
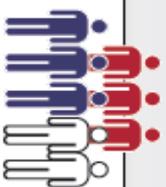
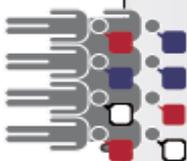
Each party holds a national convention to select a final presidential nominee.



## STEP 1 PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

There are many people who want to be President, each with their own ideas about how government should work.

People with similar ideas belong to the same political party; this is where primaries and caucuses come in.



Candidates from each political party campaign through the country to win the favor of their party members.

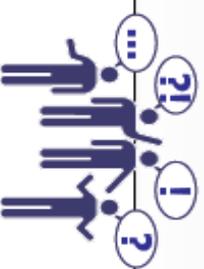
### IN A PRIMARY

Party members vote for the best candidate that will represent them in the general election.



### IN A CAUCUS

Party members select the best candidate through a series of discussions and votes.

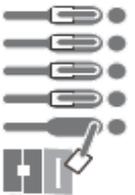
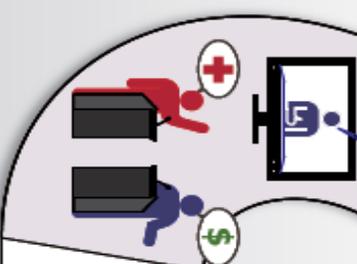


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## STEP 3 GENERAL ELECTION

People in every state across the country vote for one President and Vice President.

When people cast their vote, they are actually voting for a group of people called electors.

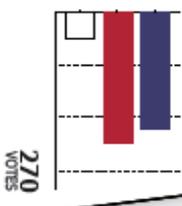


## STEP 4 ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In the electoral college system, each state gets a certain number of electors based on its representation in Congress. Each elector casts one vote following the general election, and the candidate who gets more than half (270) wins.

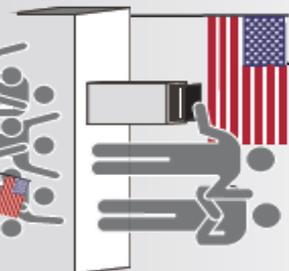


538 ELECTORAL VOTES



Based on 2010 Census

The newly elected President and Vice President are inaugurated in January.



## DEFINITIONS

- Caucus:** A meeting of the local members of a political party to select delegates to the national party convention. A caucus is a substitute for a primary election.
- Delegate:** A person authorized to represent others as an elected representative to a political party conference.
- Elector:** A member of the electoral college.
- Electoral College:** The voters of each state, and the District of Columbia, vote for electors to be the authorized constitutional members in a presidential election.
- Natural Born Citizen:** Someone born with U.S. citizenship includes any child born "in" the United States, the children of United States citizens born abroad, and those born abroad of one citizen parent.
- Primary:** An election where voters select candidates for an upcoming general election. Winning candidates will have delegates sent to the national party convention as their party's U.S. presidential nominee.

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